

number of a customer, a method of providing remote access devices for accessing limited use numbers comprising the steps of:

submitting user authentication information and the master account number for entry into a database;

determining whether the user is a valid user of the master credit card number;

registering the user if the user is determined to be a valid user; and

obtaining, by a registered user, a software package to which enables communication with a remote access device support server to enable the issuance of limited use card numbers.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are currently pending. Upon entry of the above amendment, dependent claim 3 and independent claim 18 shall be amended. The amendments of claims 3 and 18 merely correct minor typographical errors inadvertently overlooked by Appellants. In addition, each of dependent claims 11, 17 and 19 shall be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-10, 12-16, 18, and 20-28 shall be pending and subject to appeal upon entry of the foregoing amendments. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments are proper for entry after final rejection inasmuch as they simplify the issues for appeal and do not present any new issues that would require further search.